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## A WORD ABOUT THAT NEW WELL

### J. C. Shinn Sets Forth Some Interesting Facts Concerning It

Sir:—In a recent issue of the Oakland Tribune the statement is made that the Peoples Water Company of that place has "secured" the fine well recently bored by the Alameda Sugar Co. of Alvarado and that they could connect it by very slight trouble or expense with their existing pumping system. That this well went much deeper than' their old wells, 467 feet, and struck a different layer of gravel and that the supply was "inexhaustible", and that though they pumped for a long time at the rate of 3,000,000 gallons per day the level of the water in the well was not lowered.

The idea that the supply of water in the gravel beds of the Niles Cone is unlimited has always been industriously published by parties who wished to take our water but there is nothing more absurd or easily disproved in connection with the whole matter. The local water committee has had engineers in the field for several months and has absolute proof on these matters and the facts are as follows.

#### Some Real Facts in the Case

There is some 40,000 acres of land under which there is a more or less continuous bed of gravel all connected by very irregular and very different seams of water bearing gravel, with the Alameda creek gravels in the present bed. The Alameda creek is the source of supply of these gravels as it has in the past laid them down in various channels and old "barracones" which are found in every part of the valley show where the stream has flowed in times past.

Some of these layers of gravel are deep down, possibly the bottom of the deepest is 2000 feet down at one point. At other points there may be very little water bearing gravel and if the water were taken out of that little streak or layer it would be impossible ever to get a good well at that location.

All the water of Alameda creek is or will soon be needed for the farmers and towns in this valley. This is the contention of the local water Committee and it is so stated in the report made by the City of San Francisco to the U. S. government in connection with its request for the Hetch Hetchy water. At the same time the water that is ours by every right and law is the prize for which several water companies are plotting and planning and they intend to get it by means fair or foul they will do so if we do not "watch out".

#### All Water is Needed Here.

If the water is not allowed to pour into this underground lake as it might be called and is at the same time pumped out along the bay shore the level will constantly fall as it has during the last two dry years, in spite of the fact that many millions of gallons daily even in each of said dry years were poured into the gravel beds or some weeks during the small floods that did come.

Now every year will be a "dry year" if the flood water is held back by dams in the mountains. And the process of lowering the "water table" will progress merrily and regularly by means of pumps along the bay shore. These wells of the Peoples Water Co. are 200 feet deep but their supply is even now limited and it is a fact that if there is more than about 8,000,000 gallons daily drawn there is apt to be salt water drawn in to the great injury of the quality of the water for domestic use.

#### What the New Well Means.

But the article quoted says that the new well 467 feet deep farther back in the valley strikes a different level, as it does. There is no doubt but it would continue to supply water in immense quantities and they could no doubt bore more on

## Sugar Mill Is to Close

From reliable information received by the Press this week we learn that the Alameda Sugar Co. does not intend to operate its factory at Alvarado next season.

This will be a matter of sincere regret by all our people and it is hoped that the company may yet find it possible to reconsider its decision.

the same tract and with powerful pumps possibly double their present supply if allowed to do so. If the water level lowered or the salt began to come back from the bay their engineers could show them locations still farther back in the valley where they could go deeper and with still more powerful pumps keep on lowering the "water table". It would pay them to do so for it is much cheaper to pump even from great depths than it would be to construct and maintain long pipe lines, filters, and to build dams and great reservoirs.

Does any citizen of this valley doubt for a moment that it is entirely possible for the People's Water Company by means of other wells in that deep bed of gravel at Alvarado to draw down the whole level of the

water table of the valley to approximately the bottom of that well if our gravel beds are not well refilled at least every winter?

What would that mean? It

would mean that in the region of Centerville the water would be around 500 feet down and near

Niles still deeper.

#### What the Next Move Would Be.

The next move of that or another

water company would be say a mile

deeper into the valley and possibly

500 feet deeper into the gravel

beds. I am informed that above com-

pany owns land just about a mile

away evidently looking ahead for

future necessities.

What would happen to the valley and the farmers and towns even before this third location was necessary? You may be sure that many wells owing to the irregularity of the gravel layers would fail to get water no matter how deep they might be sunk. Many or most small farmers could not afford to sink their wells 500 feet and even if they could sink them to 500 feet and buy the expensive pumps and motors necessary for such deep pumping for house work it would never pay to irrigate with such expensive water and the varied and intensive agriculture of the valley would have to be replaced by much more primitive methods.

#### What Shall We Do about It?

Well, what are we going to do about it? Why go as a unit to the polls on December 30th and register a rousing vote for our Alameda County Water District. The law for our protection is clear and the expense of any possible litigation will be very small when divided among us all.

Many a man this summer has lowered his well at a cost of say \$200. On a small ten acre place that is \$20 per acre. The added cost of pumping if he is irrigating his place would be far more than \$20 per year for all time if the water stays at the lower level. If it goes to two hundred feet the expense would be much greater.

Any possible litigation in connection with enforcing our rights to our own water would be a mere "drop in the bucket" beside such heavy expenses as these and would certainly look small beside our school and road taxes which we pay cheerfully.

J. C. SHINN,  
Chairman Water Committee.

## LIVELY TIME AT S. P. DEPOT

### Burly Negro Goes On Rampage and Tries to Do Up the Station Force

There was no complaint last Saturday about the slowness of the boys in the Southern Pacific station at Niles. In fact they established a record for speed and agility which will go down into local history for several generations to come.

About noon a big burly negro apparently insane, climbed the ark light pole and tore down the light. He next appeared at the station window and ordered A. V. Hill to attend to the light. Hill refused to do the fellow's bidding whereupon the negro booted into the office door, seized a desk stool and threatened to kill Hill. A lively chase around the desks ensued; Hill finally escaping from the room before the mad man did him any harm. In the meantime G. E. Courtney "beat it" at a surprisingly lively rate and summoned Constable Rose who, with a half dozen others, finally overpowered the fellow, handcuffed him and whisked him off to the township jail. On searching the negro a large pocket knife was the only weapon found on him. Later he was taken to the county jail at Oakland for safe keeping.

## CITIZENS WATER CO. DECLARES DIVIDEND

The Citizen's Water Co. of Niles at a meeting last Saturday declared

a dividend of 4 cents a share on 16,500 shares of stock and also \$500 for betterments. This is the second dividend within a year

the other of 3 cents a share being declared six months ago. As the stock was originally issued for fifty cents a share the two dividends represent an annual 14 per cent dividend on the capital stock.

The prosperity of the company is due to several reasons. The town is growing, the Southern Pacific Co. and Alameda County have both been good customers during the year and the people of Niles who live in the fire district have contributed a larger amount than previously owing to the action of the Fire Commissioners in greatly increasing the monthly payment for fire hydrants. The fire tax in the Niles district this year is sixteen cents on the \$100. The increase in the hydrant rate is responsible for the higher tax rate and also for the larger dividend to the stockholders of the Citizens Water Co.

## Niles Theatre

SATURDAY, DEC. 20.

Niles Edison Theater. S. & A. Extra, 2 reels, "Into the North"; Lubin, "The Reward for Service"; Vitagraph, "Curry Plays Detective."

MONDAY, DEC. 22

Lubin, 2 reel special, "Love and War in Mexico"; S. & A., "A Tango Tangle," the latest dancing craze in pantomime; Biograph, "Frappe Love."

TUESDAY, DEC. 23.

Special Benefit show for the Native Daughters. 4 reels and illustrated song.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24.

Edison Extra, "The Dances of the Ages." This picture is a wonderful creation, a distinct innovation in the motion picture field, two principals and 40 dancers. Pathé, "The Coyoted Prize"; Pathé, "The Squawman's Awakening"; Biograph, "His Mother's Heart"; S. & A., "The Prophecy," a sensational dramatic subject full of action.

FRIDAY, DEC. 26.

Edison Extra, "The Dances of the Ages." This picture is a wonderful creation, a distinct innovation in the motion picture field, two principals and 40 dancers. Pathé, "The Coyoted Prize"; Pathé, "The Squawman's Awakening"; Biograph, "His Mother's Heart"; S. & A., "The Prophecy," a sensational dramatic subject full of action.

THURSDAY, DEC. 25.

Special Christmas Matinee at 2:30.

4 reels selected pictures.

The prize doll will be given away after the 3rd reel. The doll to be delivered to the person having with them the number corresponding to the ticket drawn from the box.

SATURDAY, DEC. 27.

Biograph, 2 reels, "The Yaqui Cur"; S. & A., "Broncho Billy's Strategy"; Vitagraph, "If Dreams Came True"; Vitagraph, "One Can't Always Tell."

SUNDAY, DEC. 28.

Biograph, 2 reels, "The Yaqui Cur";

S. & A., "Broncho Billy's Strategy";

Vitagraph, "If Dreams Came True";

Vitagraph, "One Can't Always Tell."

## SUPPORT OF ALL NEEDED

### Water Committee Asks Cooperation of Citizens to Secure Big Vote

The Washington Township Water Committee needs the active co-operation of all the citizens whom they have asked to serve as a campaign Committee for the election to form our Alameda County Water District. We are going to win the election and from our long talked of protective district for our people are practically a unit on the matter but the bigger the vote the stronger the district will be in many ways. Get everybody out and see that every citizen in the valley is posted on all the phases of the water question. An elaborate organization such as a political party might find necessary is not needed if every man and woman will make sure of his own personal friends and acquaintances. The results of the election of December 30th for good or evil will be felt for untold generations to come. History is a guide to us and we are making history in a way that many of us do not perhaps realize.

If we succeed we can to a large extent overcome the damage already done to the valley by rapacious water companies and continue the rapid development and increase of a happy prosperous population on farms and in growing towns. If we fail the progressive damage which already has equaled a vast sum in aggregate will steadily increase and stagnation and failure will follow.

We can not and must not fail. Things have come our way remarkably so far. The special law so well suited for our uses passed by the last legislature, the wise and fair action of our County Supervisors and recently the action of the U. S. Congress in passing the Hetch Hetchy bill are all to our great benefit. It is now up to us to go to the polls and vote. A very simple thing means safety, prosperity and wealth for our valley if we do it. If we neglect it it means just the opposite.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP WATER COMMITTEE.

J. C. SHINN,  
HENRY MAY,  
E. H. STEVENSON,  
G. P. LOWRY,  
S. CALDEIRA.

## DEATH OF SOL EHRMAN

Solomon Ehrman, one of the pioneer residents of Mission San Jose, and a very popular and highly respected citizen, passed away last Sunday in San Francisco after an illness but a few weeks.

Deceased came to the Mission in 1863 and engaged in the general merchandise business until five years ago when he retired. Before coming to the Mission he lived for several years at Suinsun. Deceased enjoyed the distinction of having been the postmaster at the Mission for thirty-five years, one of the longest records in the State. He was not only a successful business man, but was always active in any movement for the upbuilding of his town and township. He had a very genial nature and was highly esteemed by all with whom he came in contact.

He was a native of Germany and was aged 67 years, 9 months and 10 days. His wife, and four children, Mrs. Albert Frank, Mrs. L. W. Neustadter, Alfred Sherman, and Alexis Ehrman of San Francisco, survived him, and to them he was a most affectionate and devoted husband and father.

The funeral which was private took place last Tuesday in San Francisco, and many of his former friends and associates paid the last tribute to the man whom all highly honored.

The deceased was a member of Alameda Lodge F. and A. M., of Centerville, and also of Orient Chapter, O. E. S.

## ELECTION ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1913

A mistake occurred in the Press last week in saying the election was to occur on Wednesday instead of on Tuesday. The right day is Tuesday, December 30.

## Wilson Signs Hetch Hetchy

### MAKING MANY IMPROVEMENTS

President Wilson yesterday signed the bill granting Hetch Hetchy to San Francisco. He accompanied his signature with a statement declaring that he believed the public needs of the region concerned were served by the bill without impairing the usefulness or beauty of public domain.

The President's signature of the bill ends San Francisco's long fight for a water supply and gives encouragement to the people of our township in their fight to preserve their own water supply for the future.

## ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPOSED WATER DISTRICT AS REPORTED BY THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

The County Assessor's office this week made an estimate of the assessed valuation of the proposed Alameda County Water District. Including

one half of the assessment placed this year on the riparian rights of the Spring Valley Water company, the total assessed valuation of the proposed district is \$5,980,300. As the assessment now stands on the county books the total is \$6,973,568. This year, however, the Spring Valley's riparian rights have had a double assessment placed upon them in order to make up for the probable loss of the taxes collected for 1911 and 1912.

In order to get the amount which would represent the district's valuation in an ordinary year, but one-half of this year's assessment has been used in the estimate.

The total amount of the Spring Valley assessment of riparian rights in the district, counting one-half of this year's assessment in the district is \$993,268.

The following table shows the assessment for the various school districts or parts of school districts included in the water district:

Property	Riparian	Total
Assessment	Rights	
Alvarado	149,000	25,700 \$ 174,700
Alviso	627,067	166,192 793,259
C'ville	1,001,467	113,976 1,115,443
Decoto	493,500	302,500 796,000
Niles	590,700	384,900 975,600
Newark	817,225	817,225
Irvington	549,300	549,300
W'm Sp'gs	55,200	55,200
Lincoln	361,525	361,525
Mowry's Landing ..	342,170	342,170
		4,987,154 993,268 5,980,422

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Press wishes all its readers and friends the happiest Christmas season. It is well that, in the midst of our hurrying life, there should come now and then a moment of peace and good will among men. May the spirit of the Christmas time fill the hearts of all

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Baker.

## THE HIGH TAX BUGABOO

That there is absolutely no danger of a high tax in case a water district is formed is very evident from the following figures.

The assessed valuation of the Water District is \$6,000,000. These figures bear out the Water Committee's estimate. The Committee has collected on a basis of ten cents on the \$100 valuation and estimates that this will be the highest tax required in any one year. It may never reach that figure. It certainly will not if the cost of litigation is met by the issuance of bonds.

At the most the time for securing the data on which a fight is made need not extend for more than one year. It may never be necessary to go to court at all.

Suppose the district wins its fight and insures the prosperity of Washington Township for all time to come will it not be worth while?

Now suppose we do not fight for our water supply and let the Spring Valley Water Company or some other company take it. Then when we want water we will have to buy it from such a company. Do you think you can buy the water for any such a small sum? Suppose you have to sink your well deeper to keep up with the lowering water table what will it cost you then?

### AND REMEMBER THIS

The tax may never have to be levied at all.

At most it will be but a temporary tax lasting at the most not more than two years.

But once your water supply is taken away it is gone forever.

**It is now or never with the people of Washington Township.**

If the Water District should be defeated there will be no more fight against the water companies.

Do you want the fight to be dropped and let every one to look out for himself?

### KEEP THIS IN MIND

The people of the whole district will rule the district and regulate the cost.

### HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF THIS?

### WHAT THE SPRING VALLEY STORAGE PLANS MEAN

Have you ever thought that it may be possible that the City of San Francisco in case that city buys out or condemns the Spring Valley Water Co., may not compel our people to assume the burden of a long and expensive fight?

We have stood loyally by San Francisco in her struggle for the Hetch Hetchy. So far she has shown herself a big, generous, liberal-minded city. May we not trust her to deal liberally with us as she has with the Turlock people?

But to be in a position to have our rights seriously considered we must have an effective organization with the legal power to treat with her if possible or to fight if it becomes necessary. The Water District is our organization. We have no incorporated towns and such a district is the ideal method for such a situation as ours.

And the people alone will control the amount of money to be spent. If they are not satisfied with the methods of the officers they elect they can throw them out and elect others. Isn't that fair enough?

We have heard it said that some people may vote against the water district because they do not understand its purpose. Plainly stated the purpose of the district is to prevent by any legal means the further theft of the waters of the watershed above us or the water in the underground gravel below us. The power to divert or control the fight to be made will rest entirely in the hands of the people of the district. A vote against the district is a vote of distrust or it is worse than that, a vote to prevent any effort to stay the hands of the exploiting water companies. Why not take a chance with the rest of your neighbors and after the district is formed help by your voice and your vote to direct a wise and patriotic course that will work the problem out right?

Remember that when you incorporate your water district you at once place the power into the hands of the people of the district to protect their rights independently of the rest of the county. This is something that they never have had up to this time.

Other parts of the world spend millions of dollars to secure water for irrigation. Can not the people of Washington Township afford to spend a few thousands of dollars to protect natural rights that are worth millions? The cost to the individual property owner will be scarcely worth mentioning, compared to the thousands of dollars he may have at stake.

### WATER COMMITTEE DESERVES PRAISE

The Press believes that the Water Committee of Washington Township deserves the highest praise for the excellent work they have so far done in forwarding the interests of the people of the township in the matter of the organization of the Water District. On December 30 if the District is formed as seems likely the duty which they have voluntarily assumed will be passed over to all the people of the district. Then the people can choose whomever they wish to represent them as directors.

We have no patience with the constant attempt to bring up the old charge that some of these men or their relatives or ancestors sold out their riparian rights or rather were forced to part with them in other days. It was a great blunder. A very short-sighted policy from which all the people of the township are suffering today. We are rather disposed to give these men credit for their splendid work in trying to bring about a situation that will remedy the blunder and put our people in a position to regain their rights. Everybody today realizes the mistake that was made in parting with those valuable rights. As the directors to be chosen by the district after it is formed must be elected by the people themselves, there is no good to go accomplished now by trying to discredit the present movement by the mistake made under entirely different conditions twenty years ago.

New conditions are at hand, made so by the march of events, better laws, better court decisions, etc. Let us profit by the mistakes of the past and seize the advantages which the present situation affords.

The Caminetti law was meant to give our people the power to protect ourselves and those that come after us. Let us work with any and all who are willing to help without criticism and the impugning of motives.

After the district is formed we can select whomever the people choose for their representatives. Ancient prejudices should not prevent us from acting in concert where so much that concerns the future of the district is at stake.

### Alvarado

Mr. B. H. Ford of Stockton is visiting his folks here and will remain over the holidays.

Mrs. Richmond of Niles was a guest at the E. A. Richmond, Sr., home over the week end.

Miss Dorothy Ford is improving from her recent attack of rheumatism.

Mrs. Wm. Hartz gave an "At Home" on Thursday.

Mrs. A. M. Tainton was in San Francisco Thursday,

Mrs. P. Lowrie will have a family dinner on Christmas which will be a family reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Edwards moved to San Francisco last week.

Mrs. E. M. Ford went to the beach on Thursday and to Napa Friday, where she will remain over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. A. May were in the city Thursday.

Mrs. Scow and Mrs. Boye were among the Christmas shoppers in San Francisco and Oakland Thursday.

The Alvarado Whist Club met in the I. O. O. F. hall on Wednesday night. Mr. Rutherford and Miss Naner received gifts for the highest score. Each made 71 points.

Mrs. Norris returned Thursday from a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. Heyer, in San Francisco.

Mrs. E. M. Tainton made a hurried trip to the city Wednesday evening.

Mr. Kagimoto and little daughter escaped miraculously from serious injury on Thursday when their rig was demolished by being struck by a train. The train was backing from the siding and gave the signal to the Japanese not to cross, but the man thought he could get across first, with the result of a demolished rig. The occupants escaped without injury.

The Alvarado Aerie has shown progress since its last report under the guidance of A. A. Lee, as President. There has been a growth in membership, 33 having come in. The bank account also shows a splendid increase.

On Saturday evening installation of officers occurred and a banquet and speech-making followed. Among the speakers were A. A. Lee, who impersonated different nationalities and with his fund of jokes helped to add to the evening's merriment. Other speakers whose talks were enjoyed were James Peake and Henry Hendson.

The following are the officers installed: W. P., W. W. Boysen; P. W. A. Lee; W. V. P., John Simas; Chaplain, Jas. Peake; Secretary, Jos. S. Roderick; Treas., Henry Hendrickson; Trustees—Andrew Lund, Fred Fredericksen, Joe Floris.

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### Centerville

J. S. Bell has added a new department to his store, having put in a full line of perfumes and toilet powders. Very pretty gifts of silver go as premiums.

School closed Friday for the Xmas vacation.

The bazaar by the Catholic Ladies' Aid was a success financially, the ladies disposing of all their articles.

Miss Annabel Mesmith of Oakland is the guest of her grandparents.

Mrs. James is spending the week end with her niece, Mrs. Muller, in Newark, and will enjoy the Christmas time with the family of her brother, W. Robie, in Alvarado.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Huxley of Berkeley came up Wednesday for a meeting of Orient Chapter No. 177, O. E. S.

Washington Parlor No. 169, N. S. G. W., held a meeting on Tuesday night and enjoyed a visit from Grand Trustees J. Snyder of Nevada City and J. Hanna of Oakland and Grand Marshal Williams of Oakland. J. J. McElroy and F. Smith of Oakland were also guests. At the close of the business session a banquet was served at the Gregory House. The meeting was very successful and filled with much enthusiasm.

The Sweet Sixteen Club held a very pleasant meeting on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Lou Eggers as hostess.

M. Oliveria, the township constable, hurried by auto to San Jose Wednesday in response to a call and was successful in capturing two very suspicious characters who had hung about Niles for the day. Mr. Oliveria got the men after they had gotten off the evening train and were making for an alley. Both men when searched seemed to warrant their capture, as they had in their possession evidences of professional hold-up men.

### CARE IN VOTING.

It is for the best interests of our people that every vote possible should be polled in favor of the Alameda County Water District on Tuesday, December 30. While this is essential it is also absolutely necessary to the safety of the district after the election that not a single vote be cast by those who are not qualified to vote. Be sure that you are within the boundary lines of the proposed district. We must not permit any mistake to be made that may at some later time rise to embarrass the district.

### NOTICE

Ellis Bros., General Merchandise Store at Niles have sold and moved stock to Ellis, Pickard Co., Pleasanton, Cal. All bills are due and payable to P. A. Ellis. Any firm or person having bills against Ellis Bros., or Niles are requested to present them at once.

ELLIS BROS.,  
By P. A. ELLIS.  
Niles, Oct. 25, 1913.

### NOTICE OF TIME SET FOR PROVING WILL, ETC.

In the Superior Court of the County of Alameda, State of California. In the matter of the estate of Domingos Duarte Governo also known as Domingos Governo, deceased.

Notice of time set for proving will, etc.

Notice is hereby given, that a petition for the probate of the will of Domingos Duarte Governo (alias), deceased, and for the issuance to Father F. Battesti of letters testamentary thereon has been filed in this Court, and that Tuesday the 23d day of December, A. D. 1913, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, at the Courtroom of Department No. 4, or said Court, at the Court House in the City of Oakland, in said County of Alameda, has been set for the hearing of said petition and proving said will, when and where any person interested may appear and contest the same.

Dated December 2d, 1913.

JOHN P. COOK, Clerk,  
By W. E. ADAMS, Deputy Clerk.  
Filed Dec. 2, 1913.

JOHN P. COOK, Clerk.

By W. E. ADAMS, Deputy Clerk.  
JNO. G. MATTOX, JR., Attorney for Petitioner, Centerville, Cal.

FRED A. MOSES  
Secretary and Assistant Manager

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On the evening of Dec. 24th the Player Piano and Doll is raffled off. Everybody in the store on the evening of Dec. 24, receives a ticket on the big doll.

## O. N. Hirsch Dept. Store CENTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA

### Decoto

A modern seven room bungalow is being erected by J. Cordeiro on his lot opposite the Bernardo place. The work is in charge of F. Anglus of Centerville, and will be an excellent addition to the town.

Mrs. S. Perry who has been in the Alameda sanitarium for a number of weeks, returned home last Saturday greatly improved in health.

Mrs. C. C. Crane was a visitor in Decoto Wednesday.

Through the item that appeared in last week's Press about the robbing of the Decoto station, Roy Pearce was enabled to secure the return of his bicycle which was left by the robber on the county road in front of the Maynew place at Niles.

The Decoto school closed yesterday afternoon for the Christmas vacation of three weeks. A Christmas tree with exercises by the children was held in the afternoon at the school house and each one of the several hundred children of the district received a package of candy from Santa Clause.

A marriage license was issued this week to Grant E. Turner of Niles and Miss Laura Luna, one of Decoto's popular young ladies.

### Water District Should Be Formed in Washington Township for These Reasons

1. It will be the only way in which all the people of the district can be protected.

2. If our water rights are not saved NOW they will be lost to the township for all time.

3. The law under which our district is to be formed gives the people of the district ABSOLUTE CONTROL over their officers. They can force them to pass any ordinance the people want. They can prevent any bad move. They can fire their officials if they do not act to suit the people.

4. The Alameda County Water District if formed will be the weapon by which our lost rights will be won back and our present rights saved.

5. It will unite all the people of the district, rich and poor, in a movement to save our water supply. It will protect the smallest property owner just the same as the largest. Under this law the poorest man or woman in the township will have just as much to say as the richest.

6. The law is as fair and just and safe as the people could make it.

### NILES SCHOOL ENTERTAINS.

The Niles Grammar School gave a very pretty Christmas entertainment in the new assembly hall on Friday evening. The attendance was all that could be expected, as some who came could not get in.

The little play, "The Smuggle Man," was very pleasing, the parts of the Smuggle Man being taken by Sam Marshall and the Faerie Queen by Mildred Marshall. The children all did well. Little Paul Donovan took down the house with his singing. Miss Mary Barnard rendered an excellent piano solo.

### HANDS OFF OUR WATER SUPPLY

A big healthy vote to incorporate our water district on Tuesday, December 30, will be formal notice to all designing corporations or cities that this township means business; that it intends to fight. And the best way to secure peace is to be prepared to fight.

Without water land is valueless. With plenty of water it becomes valuable. And in such a climate as ours, and in a place within a few minutes ride of the biggest cities on the Pacific Coast, plenty of water will make Washington Township the most beautiful as well as the most productive garden spot of California.

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### Stockholders Meeting

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Niles State Bank of Niles, California, will be held on Saturday, Jan. 3, 1914, at 2 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Charles Evans,  
Secretary 12-20-27

### Notice to Bidders

The James Graham Mfg. Co., will receive bids at their office in Newark, Cal., on or before 3 p. m. January 3rd, 1914, for the erection and completion of a story brick warehouse.

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### STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Alameda County of Alvarado, California, will be held at the office of the corporation on Saturday, January 10, 1914 at two o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing a Board of directors and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

J. R. BLACOW,  
Secretary

Orient Chapter No. 177, O. E. S., installed officers on Wednesday night, Mr. and Mrs. Darling officiating. At the close of the work a delicious banquet was served, about forty sitting at the table. The following are the officers for the new term: Worthy Patron, Mr. Kirk; Worthy Matron, Mrs. Kirk; Associate Matron, Mrs. Frank Brown; Conductress, Miss Nancy McKeown; Associate Conductress, Mrs. A. Biddle; Marshal, Mrs. M. Mowry; Chaplain, Dr. Ormsby; Secretary, Mrs. E. B. Tyson; Treasurer, Mrs. P. C. Hansen; Organist, Mrs. Allen; Warder, Mrs. C. Emerson; Outside Sentinel, Harry Searles; Ruth, Mrs. May; Esther, Mrs. Muller; Martha, Mrs. Mickle; Electa, Mrs. Hawley.

### Young Women's Christian Association Opens Cafeteria

The Young Women's Christian Association of Oakland has opened a Cafeteria and rest room at 578 Fourteenth Street, just above Taft's, and next door to Toggery.

The Rest Room is open to any women who wish an opportunity to lie down or sit down in order to get rested during these strenuous days of Christmas shopping. Any one may arrange to meet a friend there, or plan to drop in and a note or telephone.

The Cafeteria had to be moved from the old headquarters at Fourteenth Street, corner of Castro, in order to make room for the increased clubs and classes. Its aim is to serve good, wholesome food at reasonable prices in an attractive place.

This room has been furnished attractively in soft shades of brown by the College Women's Christian Association, and the Esperanto Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

### Native Daughters Elect Officers

Tuesday evening Dec. 2 Laura Loma Parlor elected the following officers:

Rita Fournier, President  
Isabelle Cahill, 1st Vice Pres.  
Margeret Lynch, 2nd Vice Pres.  
May Barnard, 3rd Vice Pres.  
Frances Simpson, Marshall  
Ethel Fournier, Ida Easterday,  
and Zulmira Dominicie, Trustees  
Heskie Rose, outside Sent.  
Mae Moore, inside Sent.  
Elizabeth Tyson, Recording Sec.  
Dr. C. L. McKown, Dr. F. St. Sure, Doctors

### ATTENDED THE EHRLIN FUNERAL.

Among those from the township who attended the funeral of the late Solomon Ehrlin were Jos. Solon, Charles Steyer, A. Richr., Wm. Rose, M. Ponct, James Turner, Joe Sunderer, Miss Abbie Sunderer, Joe Rogers, Robert Gallegos, and Miss Anita Gallegos of Mission San Jose, E. A. Sorensen of Irvington and J. E. Jacobus of Niles.

When an otherwise intelligent man asks you what the purpose of the proposed Alameda County Water District is, just tell him that its first purpose is to prevent the Spring Valley Water Co. or San Francisco or the Peoples' Water Co. or Oakland from taking any more water away from our section. If he springs the question of cost, tell him that the power to tax the people of the district rests with the people themselves. They can go as high or as low as they want to go.

### This is Easy

Science teaches us that to enlarge or increase anything we must add or multiply. Now what can it be that grows larger the more you take or subtract from it.

Three prizes will be given for the first three correct answers opened Wednesday, Dec. 24th. Reply by mail only.

Prizes are one 1915 Watch Fob, Blue Bird Collar Pin and one pair Enamede Cull Pins.

Mr. Ray Higgins of Decoto is awarded third prize for the nearest to correct solution of last week's riddle: "He crosses safely in four trips." Rather hard on the goose, but then a goose don't know much anyhow.

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FOR

# ALAMEDA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

TUESDAY  
DECEMBER 30

How to Vote on Tuesday, December 30, 1913

Shall the Proposition to Organize Alameda County Water District under Chapter 592 of the Acts of the Fortieth Session of the California Legislature be adopted?

YES	X
NO	



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### Niles Notes

Mrs. Overacker was in San Francisco last Saturday.

Mrs. L. J. Babb visited her son Ehrman, in Oakland last Sat.

Mrs. R. S. Chandler spent the week-end in Sonora County, returning Monday with Miss Velma Chandler her niece, and will stay over the holidays.

Mrs. Noland of Oakland spent Tuesday in Niles with her sister Mrs. Wm. Moore.

Miss Geneva Trudgeon left for Denair last Saturday where she will spend Xmas with her mother Mrs. A. Hooker.

Work has been proceeding rapidly on the new bridge in Niles Glen.

Frank Hill who has been staying with his uncle Mr. C. Laws left for Turlock Monday where he will probably spend Xmas.

A large crowd turned out to see the play at the School last Friday.

Mrs. Allison Watt, Grand President of the N. D. G. H. paid Laura Loma Parlor an official visit Tuesday evening, Dec. 16. She was accompanied by Grand Secretary, Miss Alice Dougherty. They were met at the 5:15 train and escorted to the Hall where they were banqueted at 6:30 by the entertainment committee, Madanas Easterday, Moore, and Barnard.

Mrs. Frances Simpson spent the week end with friends in San Francisco.

Myrtle McPherson visited in Irvington Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Moore was in Oakland Wednesday.

Roy Morgan was in the City Tuesday.

Miss Irene Roderick visited Mr. and Mrs. Roderick on Wednesday.

Mr. Lesly Cummings went to Modesto Tuesday to visit his grandfather over the holidays.

Mr. Vincent and family have gone to Modesto for the holidays.

Mrs. H. B. Ellsworth left this week for a trip through the Eastern States and will spend some time in Florida this winter.

Mrs. Mosher was visiting in Oakland this week with her son's family.

Miss Hattie Corliss of Oakland is a guest this week at the Belvoir.

Miss Grace Hilborn of Oakland spent the week-end at the Belvoir. Miss Hilborn was a frequent visitor at Niles years ago, and charmed all by her singing, with her fine contralto voice.

Mrs. McClellan whose home is on the Shunn place, is away on a trip to Oregon.

Messrs H. E. Mosher, Thos. Sullivan, and Thos. Bedard of Niles who have been serving as trial jurors in the Oakland courts are to have rest from duties until after the holidays.

Mr. H. A. Mayhew was taken very seriously ill on Tuesday morning with heart trouble. He is gradually recovering under treatment of Dr. McKown.

Mrs. Chittenden visited on Tuesday and Wednesday, with friends in San Francisco.

Mrs. E. E. Wade of San Francisco came up on Thursday to see her father, Mr. Mayhew.

Mrs. Melvina Chaix Robinson has been lying very ill this week. Dr. Emerson and nurse are attending to her and her baby boy.

Miss Estep of Oakland is making her home with Mrs. L. E. Shinn for a time.

Miss DeCora left this week for a visit of a couple of weeks in Bakersfield.

Mrs. Schofield entertained a few guests at the Belvoir cottage on Thursday evening.

The Ladies Guild held its regular meeting on Wednesday afternoon last. The members are working with enthusiasm in making some rag rugs for the S. School and Guild rooms. There was some dis-

cussion among the members in regard to paying the church organist.

The final proceeds of the bazaar held on Dec. 4th was reported as \$150.95, of this sum \$140.00 was applied on the church debt.

It was decided not to keep the gymnasium open for girls practice on Tuesday afternoons during the winter months.

Mrs. Mayhew was named to be corator the church for Sunday services during December. Mrs. Mayhew as hostess for the afternoon served coffee, chese, and doughnuts for refreshments. The next meeting was appointed to be Wednesday Jan. 14th—one meeting being omitted during the holidays.

Mrs. Richmond of Hayward spent Wednesday with her sister Mrs. W. O. Walpert.

A pleasant little coterie of friends gathered at the Belvoir on Monday for an evening of cards. Mr. Clarence Salz, Dr. Mr. and Mrs. Eaton of Centerville, Mrs. Hartman and Mrs. Noble from the Masonic Home, Mr. and Mrs. Higley, Mr. and Mrs. Sneden, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Walpert, and Miss DeCora of Niles were among those invited and were joined by the house guests at the Belvoir. Miss Grace Hillborn delighted the crowd with servd vocal selections. Light refreshments were served later in the evening.

Miss Ruth Shinn of North Fork is expected to spend the holidays at the family home in Niles.

Mrs. L. E. Thane has a fine new five passenger Cadillac automobile and has learnt to manage it.

Mrs. Miles Smith and children spent Thursday in San Jose.

A beautiful doll is to be given away Christmas matinee at the Niles Edison theater. Tickets are given every night. Be sure and have several chances and win the prize. On display at Morgan & Co.'s store.

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